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For : METHODS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, SUCH AS INSULIN  
DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS, INVOLVING  
RETROVIRAL SUPERANTIGENS

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION  
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Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the  
above-identified application:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, after "Methods for Diagnosis and Therapy of Autoimmune  
Disease, such as Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, involving  
Retroviral Superantigens" please insert the following as a  
separate paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of PCT International  
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